

Your first memory

- ▶ Snowsuit in Nebraska in the snow, outside with Dad, went over to a beehive, went to pick the bee up and it stung me – on my nose – I was about two
- ▶ My mom washing my mouth out with soap after I said a bad word when my truck broke – can't remember the word. Soap worked.
- ▶ Throwing up on your sister
- ▶ Coloring on the walls with a green crayon
- ▶ Mother's arms
- ▶ Riding on your Daddy's shoulders
- ▶ Feeling your mother's pregnant belly
- ▶ Your brother trying to teach me how to walk down the stairs like a grown up – I was three
- ▶ Seeing the clouds and how they were like marshmallows and jumping really high to eat them.
- ▶ Standing in the playpen crying and no one came
- ▶ A death
- ▶ A divorce

Why Remembrance

1 Corinthians 11:24-25 – Paul's reference to the Communion Service

Why does Jesus say, “in remembrance”

Because We Tend to Forget

Nine times in Deuteronomy Moses used the word “forget” (4.9,23,31; 6.12; 8.11,14,19; 9.7; 32.18)

What causes us to forget?¹

CUE DEPENDENT FORGETTING

Cue-dependent forgetting or retrieval failure, is the failure

1 See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forgetting>

to recall a memory due to missing stimuli or cues that were present at the time the memory was encoded.

INTERFERENCE THEORIES

Interference theory refers to the idea that forgetting occurs because the recall of certain items interferes with the recall of other items.

And when we forget what is true -

we will live under what is false.

SPIRITUALLY

We loose “sight” of the invisible, spiritual realms – what's less real becomes most real.

EMOTIONALLY

Feeling takes over reason

Negative emotions take over: anger, depression, rejection

MENTALLY

Our context of living becomes present tense, tunnel vision, immediate situation

We loose the ability to interpret life

We think about what is wrong, not about what is right

PHYSICALLY

You will loose your health

To remember properly is to live. Abundantly.

If you will not remember you will not live. Emotionally, physically, spiritually, socially.

The Call to Remember Jesus' truth

His body and blood (DO WE REMEMBER THESE THINGS?)

Romans 7:4 – died to the Law by the body of Christ, joined to Christ to bear fruit for God

Colossians 1:22 – reconciled to God through the body of Christ

Ephesians 2:13 – brought near to God by the blood of Christ

Hebrews 9:14 – conscience cleansed from dead works to serve God by the blood of Christ

Hebrews 13:12 – sanctified by the blood of Christ

1 Peter 1:19 – redeemed by the blood of Christ

Revelation 1:5 – released from sin by the blood of Christ

Rescued from a Spiral of Forgetting

Tuesday morning, 4:00 AM

Our Lord says, Under conviction of sin, remember that I died for you **(1 Tim.1.15)**. When oppressed and persecuted and afflicted for My sake and the gospel's, remember My love, so great that for you I gave My life **(2 Cor.4:8-10)**. When your duties appear stern and severe, and your burdens too heavy to bear, remember that for your sake I endured the cross, despising the shame **(Hebrews 12.2)**. When your heart shrinks from the trying ordeal, remember that your Redeemer liveth to make intercession for you **(Hebrews 7:25)**. - *Desire of Ages*, 659.

The Communion

Is about remembering where to get life.

Find truth for this week

Keep it before you